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DAILY FLIGHTS
to Elath ARKIA

Column One
By David Courtney

I SAID yesterday that Cyprus was an enchanted lotus-land: the enchantment is fragile. The knuckles of that evil genius of our days, geopolitics, raps impatiently against its surface. Everything seems to depend on what happens between Cairo and London, and whether Egypt is ready to make a friendly deal with Britain, to be followed up by her entry into a regional defence organization. If the Egyptians remain obstinate about the Suez Canal Zone, the British, presumably, will have to take their Mediterranean defence headquarters somewhere else; and that means, in part, Cyprus, which would probably become the regional planning centre, and would have its present garrison greatly enlarged. The event would, of course, make all the difference to the island — for good or ill is a matter of opinion, and, I suppose, of sentiment; but oddly enough the Cypriots seem to show very little interest in the matter; and the British community, including the soldiers, give the impression that they don't really believe in it. The soldiers say: We'll have a few more troops here in any case, and probably a planning headquarters of one kind or another — if there ever is a regional organization — but how could we substitute Cyprus for the Canal Zone when it's as much as we can do to land a cargo of rifles on the island, let alone tanks and all the paraphernalia of a huge base.

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IT would cost a fortune to turn Cyprus into a big modern base. The harbours are unsuitable, to begin with; and to put them into shape would not only cost millions but would also take too long. Effective airfields from which to operate modern bombers would be very difficult to set down in a land crisscrossed by high, uneven mountain ranges; and an entirely new set of roads would probably have to be built to take the part of the narrow thoroughfares upon which the island's transport depends now. And there are no railways. Strategically, it is a useful place to be in; and as the planning headquarters of a regional organization running from the Nile to the Taurus, it is conveniently located. But it is very hard indeed to see Cyprus as a great military base; and the soldiers there now are apt to laugh at the notion.

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ONE reason why they laugh at it is that they seem quite unable to imagine circumstances in which the British would leave the Canal Zone and its magnificent installations to the Egyptians. "On plain defence grounds we can't afford to let the Zone bases go to pieces — and they would, of course, if the Egyptians got control of them. And on plain economic grounds we can't afford to build up the whole thing somewhere else. Besides, why should Joe Stalin wait until we got all fixed up again? — that's asking too much of anyone." The officer who said that was in the R.A.F. and he added: "I'd give a lot to be able to use those airfields in Israel again. And Haifa." His smile, as he said it, was friendly; and I found that many of the military people in Cyprus were a bit homesick for Haifa, Lydda and the airfields of the Israel Air Force, and felt a kind of relief in the knowledge that the Jews were turning out a sound, modern fighting force. Most of them felt that Israel should get up-to-date arms without having to pay too much for them; but they seemed to think that the Arabs could be sold arms without hurt to anyone.

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THE idea of an effective regional defence organization is of course, present in all military minds in Cyprus; but it has not sunk very deep. It is not thought that the Arabs would ever be ready to contribute much to a regional command or even to commit themselves very securely to an organization that would set them in practice within one of the two hostile world camps. But there is still hope of a regional agreement that would ease the way for bases, roads and supplies; and would make it possible for western forces to operate in Arab countries without political complications. "Anyway, we're in this part of the Mediterranean and it would be suicide to move out. We have to make the Arabs see that." Meanwhile, there is a substantial force in Cyprus of which oddly little is seen by the casual visitor. Very few soldiers are seen in the towns or on the roads: never a tank; rarely even a jeep; but through the sky quite often is heard the scream of jets; and in the streets of Nicosia fair-haired, blue-eyed wives of N.C.O.'s, by the score, push prams along the narrow pavements and call gaily to each other in a dozen different accents.

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LOCUSTS IN JORDAN

Swarms of locusts from the Nejd desert in Arabia entered Jordan yesterday, according to "Falastin." Arab Legion units have been alerted to keep a close watch on their movements.

Balanced Budget Is Possible—Eshkol

A possibility exists that income and expenditure will balance when the fiscal year ends on March 31 despite the IL.12.5m. deficit shown in the Ordinary Budget at the end of December, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol said at a press conference in Jerusalem last night.

The Minister confirmed that during the present fiscal year there would be no more price increases "of a fiscal nature"; that is to say resulting from Treasury levies on commodities.

Mr. Eshkol pointed out that, as a rule, lower income in the first half of the year is cancelled out by higher income in the second half. Under the present extraordinary conditions, this general formula must be closely watched and corrections made when necessary. It is possible to say now that the formula has proved to be correct generally during this fiscal year.

At the beginning of the year monthly income totalled IL.7.5 to 10m., while in December it reached IL.14.5m.

Mr. Eshkol mentioned the "war on the second front" — efforts to keep expenditures within budget estimates. He stressed particularly efforts now being made in this direction in the Army.

Expenditure cuts resulted in the dismissal of about 1,500 civil servants, and by "freezing" hiring. These steps saved about IL.3m. Recommendations by the "Lavon Committee" (efficiency) will result in sacking an additional 2,000 employees, but the financial effects of these discharges will only be felt in the next budget, he added.

The delay in paying December salaries to civil servants was due to the fact that income did not flow at all at the beginning of the month. It was therefore impossible to acquire the IL.6m. to IL.7m. needed for salaries.

He pointed this out to representatives of the Civil Servants Union, he said. He was impressed that the civil servants would accept this out of "necessity." But yesterday, Mr. Eshkol added, about 20,000 civil servants received the first half of their December salary.

The Finance Minister pointed out that higher prices resulting directly from increased taxes levied on commodities were responsible for only 0.8 of the 31-point rise in the cost-of-living index during April-November, 1952. The 0.8 point increase, however, does not include the effect of price jumps made to improve the balancing of the Foreign Currency Exchange Fund.

While standard bread today sells at a rate lower than Rate A ($2.80—IL.1), and other commodities sell at Rate B ($1.40-IL.1), the Ministry buys a large part of its foreign currency at Rate C ($1—IL.1) or even at a higher rate.

As a result of the last fiscal price increases, coffee, tea, cigarettes and kerosene will earn about IL.350,000 a month. Indirect taxes on the import and sale of machinery, nylon stockings and typewriters, will earn about IL.450,000 a month, and on benzine and spare parts about IL.600,000 a month. It is hoped that by the end of March these fiscal price rises will earn the Treasury an additional IL.5.5 to IL.6m.

Mr. Eshkol said that due to the low price of certain commodities they are being smuggled both "internally" and abroad. An example of "internal" smuggling is bread being fed to poultry. Much bread, as well as kerosene, was also being smuggled to Jordan, he said.

Queried on the implementation of the IL.115m. Development Budget, Mr. Eshkol said about IL.80m. have already been spent. He noted the connection between the deficit in the Ordinary Budget and the delay in implementing the Development Budget. This caused a delay in carrying out important projects which would employ a large number of jobless in productive work. He mentioned the transfer of jobless to existing agricultural settlements and planting 13,000 dunams of citrus groves.

On the import of fuel on account of German reparations, whose counterpart would serve as income for the Development Budget, Mr. Eshkol said that until the agreement is ratified, the counterpart is being blocked by the Israel Government in connection with financial guarantees given to the Bank Leumi.

Since there were now good chances that the Ordinary Budget would be balanced, increased efforts would be made to transfer large sums to the Development Budget, Mr. Eshkol said.

The press conference was opened by Y. Leron, head of the Public Relations Department of the Ministry.

Next Week's Knesset Session Cancelled

The Knesset will not meet next week in order to allow its committees to conclude their discussions on more than a dozen bills.

A resolution that "the House Committee regrets and strongly condemns the disorder caused by the pounding on desks and the shouting of stand down during the Speaker's address of welcome to the new Cabinet" was proposed in the House Committee yesterday. On the request of Mapam members, a decision on the resolution was postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.

A joint meeting of the Finance and Interior Committees discussed financial relations between central and local governments. Mr. Israel Rokach, the Minister of Interior, was present. Mr. I. Guri was rapporteur.

The Finance Committee also discussed the State Comptroller's report on Amidar, the national housing company.

The Committee has recommended that the Government guarantee bank loans to agricultural settlements for sowing of crops.

In the Public Services Committee, Dr. F. Yekutiel, head of the Public Hygiene Department of the Ministry of Health, reported on the increase in cases of dysentery.

KLEBANOFF NAMED DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. Ya'acov Klebanoff (General Zionist) was elected Deputy Speaker of the House in place of Mr. Yosef Serlin, now Minister of Health. The sole vote against Mr. Klebanoff was cast by a Communist Member.

Mapam's motion that Dr. Hanan Rubin be elected Deputy Speaker, the post vacated when Mrs. Hanna Lamdan seceded from Mapam, was referred to the House Committee by 35 votes to 19. The vote cut across party lines. Mr. I. Bar Yehuda, the only Ahdut Avodah member of Mapam present, abstained, while the rest of Mapam opposed the motion, demanding his immediate election.

Mr. Ya'acov Hazan (Mapam) said it was "dishonest" of Mapai to oppose Mr. Rubin's candidature. Until Mr. Rubin is elected to the post Mapam will refuse to regard the Knesset presidium as representative of the House.

It was Mapam which precluded Herut from election to the presidium in the first Knesset, despite their rights, Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut) said in a statement. Herut abstained from both votes today.

Bills on Archives and Accountants Read

In a dull session yesterday the Knesset transferred to committees the Archives' Bill and the Public Accountants' Bill.

The Archives' Bill, first introduced last summer, aimed at the creation of a higher authority to preserve government and public records of an historical and ethnographical nature. A chief archivist will be empowered to investigate private collections and copy such documents that he may judge important, in addition to supervising government archives.

Private collections entrusted to the Chief Archivist will be made accesible to the public only with their owners' permission. The Chief Archivist will be authorized to destroy documents after a 30-day public warning, if no objection is offered.

Fears Falsification

Mr. M. Erem, Mapam, feared the bill would enable the Government to falsify history by suppressing important documents. The Minister of Education and Culture, Dr. B. Dinur, recalled the French and American system of state control of public archives which guaranteed the preservation of documents for future historians. A Higher Council for Archives will be appointed from representatives of government offices, the National Library, and public archives, as well as government-appointed experts. The Council will rule in doubtful cases.

Under the Public Accountants' Bill, an Accountancy Council will be created to issue licences to practice as an accountant. The Council will hold examinations for candidates, but is empowered to grant licences to persons who prove they have had sufficient training in the profession. This clause was introduced, according to the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, to enable new immigrants to pursue their profession without passing examinations. An accountant must be 28 years of age at least, according to the Bill. At present, about 130 persons in the country hold accountants' licences.

PROGRESSIVES TO PRESS FOR DECISION

The Progressive Party is expected to press its request for a speedy decision on the "ten per cent clause" in the coalition agreement, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

A public discussion of the problem will be held by the Progressives' branch in Tel Aviv today.

If the major coalition partners do not settle the matter soon, the Progressives may consider withdrawing from the Government, it was understood.

Asian Socialists Demand End to Colonial Rule

RANGOON, Tuesday (UP).—The Asian Socialist conference opened in the Rangoon Town Hall today with delegates urging more Socialist activity to end colonialism. Burmese Defence Minister, U Ba Swe, was elected Chairman of the conference on the motion of Mr. Moshe Sharett, Israel Foreign Minister. Prem Bhasim, of India, was elected secretary.

Ba Swe expressed sympathy for "sister countries still not free. There can be no world peace as long as some territories continue to be colonies."

Attacks on Russia and America were made by Japanese and Malayan speakers, all holding that socialism was the key to their freedom and peace. Mosaburo Suzuki, Japanese left-wing Socialist, exclaimed. "We should determine not to shed our blood for the ambition of a single dictator or for a dollar-led policy." He said that the San Francisco treaty had converted Japan into America's foremost military base.

A Japanese right-wing Socialist, Komakicki Matsuoka, said his people were repentant of their war-time crimes and hoped to contribute "to a unified Asia striving together to end poverty."

The delegate of the Tunisian Neo-Destour party declared "My people are enduring horrors of colonial oppression at the hands of the French."

B.G.'s GREETINGS

In a message of greeting to the Asian Socialist Conference, Prime Minister Ben Gurion wrote that the destiny of the Socialist movement on the great Asian continent is a great and perhaps decisive one in man's historic struggle: the movement is destined to resist the attempted perversion of socialism in the totalitarian states.

Mr. Ben Gurion expressed his regret at being unable to attend the Conference.

Human culture originated on this continent some thousands of years ago, he said. Many generations were educated in the light of the teachings of the law-givers, prophets and wise men of eastern and western Asia: Moses the Hebrew, Confucius the Chinese, Buddha the Hindu, Zoroaster the Persian, Jesus the Jew, Mohammed the Arab.

The great event of our generation is the liberation of Asian peoples, among them our own people, Israel. We were uprooted twice from our home and have returned to renew our statehood almost simultaneously with India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma, Mr. Ben Gurion stated.

Histadrut Opposed To Civil Servants Strike

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Trades Union Department of the Histadrut voted today against supporting the threatened strike by civil servants planned for Thursday in protest against the delay in payment of their December salaries.

They resolved that there was no justification for the warning strike, and called upon civil servants to remain at their jobs "without interruption and with devotion and loyalty to their jobs and to the Government's institutions."

At the same time, the meeting called upon the Government to pay salaries at the start of each month. A meeting is to be held with the Finance Minister on the matter.

The Histadrut budget of IL.8m. for the coming fiscal year was introduced to the Fiscal Committee of the Histadrut Executive in the latter part of this month.

Mayer Pledges To Review EDC Pact If Made Premier

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Radical leader Rene Mayer, seeking parliamentary investiture as Premier, today told the National Assembly that the European Army treaty and the agreement with Germany would have to be tabled for ratification soon, whatever government took office.

While the different parliamentary committees were studying the treaties "the government would not remain inactive" M. Mayer said. "Negotiations will have to be undertaken to clarify certain clauses of these diplomatic instruments by additional protocols and also to prepare a closer association between Britain and the European defence community."

The potential premier suggested that 80,000m. to 100,000m. francs of the civil and defence expenditure planned in the budget of the out-going government should be frozen and he called for a five-year housing programme. Everything would be done to boost exports by giving every possible encouragement to exporters. There would also be a new investment programme for agriculture, he said.

M. Mayer said the Assembly's first duty after voting the budget was to study constitutional reform.

The Radicals, Moderate Conservatives and most dissident Gaullists and Popular Republicans applauded M. Mayer's speech. A few Gaullists also clapped when he had finished speaking. Socialist Secretary-General Guy Mollet announced that his party would be unable to vote for M. Mayer's investiture.

Riftin Ousted As Mapam Secretary

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mapam left-wingers who voted against the Party Council's resolution on the Prague trial on December 28 are to be removed from official positions in the Party, according to a decision taken by the Executive of Kibutz Artzi of Hashomer Hatzair in Sarid.

The decision of the Kibbutz Artzi Executive binds only members of the group such as Mr. Ya'acov Riftin, who will resign as secretary of the Mapam Political Committee although he will remain a member, and Mr. Eliezer Peri who will leave the editorial board of "Al Hamishmar."

Dr. Moshe Sneh, the most prominent figure in the leftist group, is not a member of Kibbutz Artzi and is thus not affected by the resolution. He is secretary of the League for Friendly Relations with the U.S.S.R., an organization in which the Communists are also represented. A coalition of the Ahdut Avodah faction of the party and the forces which passed the Kibbutz Artzi resolution could force the ousting of Dr. Sneh.

Mr. Simha Flapan, Organizing Secretary of the Party, submitted his resignation after the Council resolution was passed. He is also affected by yesterday's decision.

The justification for the Kibbutz Artzi decision is the Marxist principle of "ideological collectivism."

The Mapam Council resolution deploring the anti-Zionist aspects of the Prague Trial and defending Mr. Mordecai Oren, but saying nothing about the broader aspects of the trial, was passed by 232 votes to 40, with 18 abstentions. The minority holds six of the 13 Mapam Knesset seats, which is out of proportion with their strength shown in the Party Council, but no changes are expected.

Bolivia Suppresses Anti-State Plot

LA PAZ, Tuesday (AP).—The Bolivian Government announced today it has suppressed a military-civilian subversive move against the regime which was scheduled to break out at dawn today.

(A private report received in New York says the revolutionaries planned to overthrow Ministers sympathetic to Communism).

Illimani Radio reported that plotters seized Sr. Nufuo Chaves, Minister of Rural Affairs, and Colonel Miguel Ayllon, Chief of the Army General Sta and attempted to seize Colonel Armando Furtun, Under-Secretary of Defence. It said the plot was directed by Colonel Milton Delfin Cataldi of the Army's General Staff, Colonel Claudio Lopez and other army officers, Sr. Hugo Roberts, former Cabinet Minister, and Sr. Luis Enloza, head of the rightist wing of the National Revolutionary Movement (MNR).

The revolt is the first major movement against the regime of Paz Estensoro, who returned from exile in the Argentine to resume the Presidency.

The MNR is the President's own party. The announcement said two MNR leaders were involved in the attempted coup, which was the first hint of a serious split in the ranks of the government party. It also indicates that army officers who opposed the regime have emerged from virtual oblivion for the first time since MNR practically eliminated the regular army.

In last April's revolution the MNR "Civilian People's Army" decisively defeated the regular armed forces and has been the dominant armed group in Bolivia ever since.

The Paz Estensoro government nationalized the Bolivian tin industry several months ago and has yet to compensate the owners. Tin exports have almost completely stopped since the revolution.

32 Killed in Two British Air Crashes

LONDON, Tuesday (AFP). — Thirty-two persons were killed in two plane crashes in the British Isles last night.

An airliner crashed over Nutts Corner airfield, near Belfast, with 25 persons aboard. Twenty-seven were killed. A B-29 Superfortress crashed near Clacton, killing five members of the crew.

Stalin Insincere; No End In Sight of Korea War—Eden

Ike Calls Full Cabinet Meeting After Talk with Churchill

NEW YORK, Tuesday — President-elect Eisenhower, fresh from a conference with Prime Minister Churchill, today called the entire high command of his new administration to meet at a round-table conference next Monday and Tuesday.

The two-day meeting of the 21 top officials will be devoted "to a general discussion of problems confronting the new administration, both domestic and foreign," the Eisenhower HQ announced.

Meanwhile, two of Gen. Eisenhower's top foreign policy advisers prepared to call on Mr. Churchill tonight for an informal conference at the home of Elder Statesman Bernard Baruch, where the President-elect last night had an after-dinner talk with the Premier.

Mr. Churchill's callers tonight will be Secretary-designate of State John Foster Dulles and Mr. Withrop Aldrich, the new Ambassador to Britain. The British statesman, meanwhile, had lunch today with Mr. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, president and publisher of the "New York Times," Major-General Julius Adler, vice president and general manager the newspaper, Mr. Henry Luce of the Luce publications and Mr. Andrew Heiskell, publisher of "Life."

Mr. Churchill's scheduled talks with Gen. Eisenhower's two top aides were believed to be a clear indication that the Premier does not intend to by-pass normal channels in his relations with the incoming Administration. There has been considerable apprehension here that he might seek to reinstitute the exclusive mastermind negotiations which President Roosevelt used to conduct during the war.

Both Mr. Churchill and Gen. Eisenhower were silent today on any conclusions they may have reached last night. Mr. Baruch said the Prime Minister was expected to visit President Truman.

Mrs. Churchill and her daughter, Mrs. Christopher Soames, left by BOAC plane for Jamaica today. (UP, Reuter)

Teheran Oil Talks In Vital Stage

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Henry Byroade and Ambassador Walter Gifford visited Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today and indicated that negotiations with Iran on the oil dispute may have reached a vital stage.

Mr. Byroade, who is in charge of Middle East affairs in the State Department, has been here for a week for what he calls a general review of Middle East affairs. His talks have been concurrent with those in Teheran between the U.S. Ambassador Loy Henderson, and Premier Mossadegh.

In Washington today, Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, said the Department was not ready to reveal the nature of the Teheran talks. He said they have been exploring possible ways of solving the oil dispute. He declined to comment on press reports that a new formula was well advanced.

It is understood that President Truman personally instructed Mr. Acheson to tell Mr. Eden at the recent NATO meeting in Paris that the situation in Iran was becoming so serious that the Foreign Office must give it top attention.

In Teheran today, the Majlis gave a vote of confidence to Premier Mossadegh, 64 deputies voting in favour and one abstaining.

Lashes Out at USSR In Bitter Attack

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said tonight that Britain saw no early end to the fighting in Korea and charged that Marshal Stalin was not sincere when he declared recently that the USSR wanted to help end the war there.

Mr. Eden made the statement in a nation-wide broadcast which contained the hardest-hitting and most bitter attack the usually soft-spoken diplomat ever has made against the USSR and its satellites, whom he branded as butchers, populated by machines, not men.

His far-ranging foreign affairs report was significantly timed to coincide with the current New York talks between Prime Minister Churchill and President-elect Eisenhower.

Mr. Eden also said:

- **The future of Europe turns on the success of the ratification by France and Germany of the European Defence Community treaty which will place their armed forces into one unified army.**
- **Britain must work with any country which will contribute to peace, even though it may not agree with that country's political system. The reference was believed to be to Yugoslavia.**
- **Nationalism in the Middle East made it difficult to bring those countries into a collective defence pact in that area, but he said he was hopeful still that agreements may be reached with Iran on the oil dispute and with Egypt over the Sudan.**
- **The danger of war had receded but that is because the West had grown stronger and not because the Communist nations had altered their commitment to their ultimate objective of Communist world domination.**

U.S. Sacrifices Heavy

The Foreign Secretary said the sacrifices in Korea are heavy, especially for the U.S., "and not one of us wants to see fighting continue a moment longer than it must." He recalled that the Indian plan presented to the U.N. for a Korean settlement was approved by 54 countries with five votes of the Soviet bloc against and asked: "How does all this compare with Mr. Stalin's declarations that Russia is interested in ending the war in Korea? If Mr. Stalin had really been interested he had only to give a fair trial to the Indian proposals.

Mr. Eden said that in all satellite countries Communist leaders formerly hailed as heroes of the people fall into disgrace and are butchered. "A wife indicts her husband and a son demands the death of his father. More like machines than men the victims declare themselves to have betrayed their country and are condemned to death."

Asking what was behind these trials, he said: "We knew, of course, that there has been economic failure in Czechoslovakia. Goods commanded by Russian exploiters have not been delivered. Scapegoats had to be found. And perhaps, who knows, some of these men were beginning to show signs of putting their own country first. At heart the Czechoslovak people have never been Communist.

"One of the most ominous features of this Prague trial was its anti-Jewish tone. I hope that we are not going to see a revival under Communism of the evil racial persecutions of Hitler. And now we are beginning to hear about a new Communist purge in East Germany."

Elath in Dublin On 'Unofficial' Visit

DUBLIN, Tuesday. — Mr. Eliahu Elath, Israel Ambassador in London, accompanied by Mrs. Elath, arrived here yesterday for a five-day visit during which he will be received by the President of the Republic, Mr. Sean O'Kelly, the head of the Government, Mr. Eamon De Valera, and Foreign Minister Fank Aiken.

This visit had been planned long ago but was postponed because of President Weizmann's death. Although the visit is "unofficial," it is reported that the Ambassador will have important talks with Irish statesmen on the already excellent relations between the two countries which have not yet been extended to the diplomatic level.

Mr. Elath was welcomed on arrival by Mr. T. J. Horan, Chief of Protocol in the Foreign Ministry, as well as by leading personalities of the Irish-Jewish Community, including Fianna Fail Deputy Robert Briscoe, and by Mr. Michael Arnon, Press Attaché of the Israel Embassy in London who preceded the Ambassador.

New Israel Envoy Arrives in Rome

ROME, Tuesday (AFP).—Mr. Eliahu Sasson, the new Israel Minister to Rome, arrived last night. The Minister, who was accompanied by his wife, was greeted by members of the Israel Legation and by officials of the Italian Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Sasson declared that he hoped his mission in Rome would consolidate the friendly relations existing between Italy and Israel.

East German Legal Chief Flees to West

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Professor Leo Buckermann, President of East Germany's Judges' Academy and former chief of President Wilhelm Pieck's Chancellory, fled to West Berlin three weeks ago, Jewish officials announced today. He had been held for questioning by the Western authorities.

Prof. Buckermann, who is Jewish, was accused in the Communist Party paper, "Neues Deutschland," two days ago of "Zionist infiltration" in connection with "the lessons we have to learn from the Slansky trial."

He had left his post as Chancellory chief two years ago. No reason was given.

The spokesman today said that East German Communist attacks were aimed principally at Jews and he described them as an anti-Semitic drive like Slansky's.

Eban Sees Acheson On Arms to Arabs

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (APP). —Israel Ambassador Abba Eban yesterday conveyed to Secretary of State Dean Acheson his Government's protest against the sale of armaments by the Western powers to Arab countries.

At the conclusion of the 40-minute meeting Mr. Eban declared that his Government regarded the British Government's sale of jet aircraft to the Arab states as "regrettable." All governments contemplating the sale of arms to the Arabs, he told the press, should keep in mind the fact that these countries refuse to conclude peace with Israel and are blockading the Israel coast.

Though his interview with Mr. Acheson "was mainly motivated by the British sale of jet planes,' Mr. Eban said, Israel's views on this subject extend to all sales of arms to the Arab countries by the West.

Egyptian Boat Held In Israel Waters

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — The case of an Egyptian ship seized by Israel naval authorities will be raised at today's meeting of the Egypt-Israel Armistice Commission, a Government spokesman said here.

The ship, the Samir, left Port Said with a cargo of 65 tons of army goods bound for Syria. It was reported to have run aground in Israel's territorial waters.

Israel has reported the matter to the M.A.C.

An Israel Army spokesman confirmed yesterday in Tel Aviv that an Egyptian vessel was captured in territorial waters on December 29. The sailors were detained, and the investigation is continuing, the spokesman concluded.

The six crew members are being interrogated.

Syria Irked, Delays Lebanon Trade Talks

Syria has officially postponed indefinitely the scheduled commercial talks with the Lebanon, ANA reports from Damascus. This is the first sign of anger with the Lebanese for granting asylum to the three political leaders who escaped from detention over the weekend.

The talks were to have led to an overall agreement between the two Levant states and the signing of a trade treaty and economic union protocol similar to those which were obtained two years ago.

The Lebanon, which has complained bitterly about a "boycott" by other Arab States, has been pressing for the talks to open.

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Social & Personal

The President received a delegation from the Masonic Order yesterday.

Mr. S. Kuper, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, returned to Johannesburg by El Al on Monday night after a short visit to Israel.

The Central European branch of the Progressive Party in Jerusalem held a reception last night at the Touring Club for Mr. Pinhas Rosen, Party Chairman, to mark his return to the Government.

Dr. Haim Yehiel, Deputy Director of the Israel Reparations Purchasing Mission in Germany, left by M.S. yesterday for Cologne, to take up his duties.

A reception for the press was held in the s.s. Gefen, Zim's new fruit carrier, in Haifa Port yesterday.

At tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, Mr. P. Bornstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, will be the speaker.

Dr. Baruch Kurtzweil is to speak on "The Young Generation in Israel", under the auspices of the Bet Hillel organization, at 5 p.m. today at the Touring Club in Talbieh in Jerusalem.

The well-known French Cellist, Maurice Gendron, will give a solo recital in Tel Aviv on Saturday night. Moshe Lustig will be at the piano. The programme includes works by Beethoven, Brahms, Hindemith, Milhaud, etc.

OBITUARY
CHARLES A. COWEN

The death is announced in Tel Aviv of Charles A. Cowen, of New York, well known among Zionists in the U.S. since early in the century. He was in his late sixties; he died in his sleep.

A friend writes:

Mr. Cowen came on an extended visit to Israel, together with his wife, in the Spring of last year. They intended to return to New York, Mrs. Cowen to her teaching, he to his studies and lectures.

Cowen was one of the none-too-large group of native-born American professionals and intellectuals to join the Zionist Movement during the First World War, when the advent of Justice Brandeis and his friends brought to the organization many Jews who, until then, had held aloof from all pro-Palestine work.

A lawyer by training, a persuasive speaker, and a perpetual student, he was soon drawn into the professional ranks of Zionism as an organizer, and before long made his influence felt, particularly among students. He held office in the Zionist Organization of America and was a delegate to Zionist Congresses.

Cowen was a diligent student of Hebrew and Yiddish literature, though neither language had come to him easily. An eager and tireless conversationalist, he retained to the end many of the friendships formed early in his life. His present visit, the second undertaken during his wife's sabbatical leave, was in part the gift of his New York friends; they will be saddened at the news of his passing, and comforted by the thought that he lived to spend the last months of his life in the land for which he had laboured after it had attained the Statehood for which his generation of Zionists had striven.

MEMORIAL MEETING
Lieut. Col. P.L.O. Guy

Leaders in archaeology and members of the English community in Israel assembled at the Department of Antiquities in Jerusalem, yesterday, to pay homage to the memory of Lieut. Col. P.L.O. Guy, former chief of archaeological survey and excavations of the Department. Dr. Leo Kohn, representing the Foreign Ministry, compared the deceased with Orde Wingate, another "good, Gentile Scottish Zionist," as he used to describe himself.

Recalling many pleasant personal memories, Professor W. C. Lowdermilk spoke of Lieut. Col. Guy as one of the few archaeologists really interested in the agriculture of past civilizations. His work in spreading knowledge of soil conservation, both in Mandate times and for the benefit of Israel, was most valuable.

Mr. S. Yeivin, Director of the Department of Antiquities, also spoke about his late friend and colleague.

Problems of Encouraging Foreign Investment

By SHALOM P. DORON

The encouragement of foreign investments takes an important place in the new Government programme. The new coalition, however, is not in itself sufficient to make a sudden influx of investors from abroad likely, and it is even possible that the new Minister of Commerce and Industry will be compelled to narrow the scope of investments. Taking into consideration the experience of the last few months, the question will arise, for instance, whether we can afford to promote the establishment of new industries which cannot themselves solve their raw material problems. Of at least equal importance is the competition with other countries. According to a recent publication of the Technical Cooperation Administration, the average yield from investment in the U.S.A. during the years 1946-1948 amounted to between 9.1 per cent and 12.8 per cent, whereas earnings from investment outside the U.S.A. *after foreign taxes* were 12.2 per cent to 17.1 per cent during the same period. Even if the rate has declined since then, our ability to compete is by no means proved.

There are, of course, other factors involved which will continue to attract foreign investors. But one field has been somewhat neglected, although it offers considerable opportunities and benefits at the same time to the investor and the economy of the country.

Investments in Securities

The Securities Clearing House which became on January 1, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, offers means for investments which can compete with investments abroad and where the raw material problem does not exist. This institution should become an important avenue for foreign investors, especially for those who either could not or would not establish their own new enterprise here.

The Stock Exchange, now 17 years old, lists about 80 different securities of some 30 different enterprises and Government and other public institutions. The present market value of these securities, including State bonds, amounts to approximately IL.45 million.

The present prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange are attractive. Securities are practically available at the same price as two or three years ago. In addition to these comparatively low prices, investors can expect to benefit greatly from the revaluation of assets of various companies. It can be presumed that at least the leading industrials, such as Africa-Palestine Investment, Palestine Land Development Co. Ltd., and Palestine Electric Corporation, will sooner or later revalue their assets as have already Ata Textile Co. and Kurdaneh Textile Co. which revalued their assets from IL.1m. to IL.5m. and from IL.500,000.- to IL.2m. approximately.

Government Attitude

An essential condition for the promoting of dealings in Israel shares and stocks among foreigners (but also among local investors, many of whom still prefer to "invest" in gold, cash, or luxuries), is a change of the official attitude in respect of securities in general and State loans in particular. The fact that the Government has fixed the second exchange rate, i.e. IL.-.720 per dollar only, and not the third rate, for payment of the coupons on their Tavel Dollar loan and for payment of capital and interest on the Jewish National Loan, does not increase confidence in such investments, even if they are issued, as in this case, with Government guarantee of their stability.

It is to be hoped that the recommendations of the Commission appointed by the Minister of Finance in connection with the compulsory sale of British securities will be accepted soon and that accordingly the highest dollar rate prevailing at the time of payment of capital and interest on Tavel Dollar will be granted. As these recommendations were submitted several weeks ago, a positive conclusion of this case will be a first step towards a constructive policy in regard of the securities market.

Plans for the Future

Plans for future activities in this field should include the appointment of a commission of experts which would have to work out a detailed and business like programme of action. Given a proper service of information and publicity the foreign representatives of local banks and investment companies can undertake to establish contact with prospective investors, individual as well as corporate abroad. It will probably become necessary to improve the administration of securities for non-residents, and the status of their blocked accounts and portfolios will have to be reconsidered.

Those responsible for encouraging and promoting foreign investments will have to give serious consideration to ways and means of utilizing the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange as an important channel for the purpose of attracting foreign capital.

'Startling Changes in Israel'--Times

LONDON, Tuesday. — The entire population of Israel has embarked on strenuous work "in order to lay the foundations of the future", says "The Times" special correspondent in the second of two articles on "Changing Israel" published today.

In yesterday's article, the correspondent wrote warmly of his impressions gained on a recent visit after a ten year absence. "Changes have taken place which cannot fail to startle even on first glimpsing Lydda Airport."

Arrangements at Lydda, he wrote, "Proceed with a smooth efficiency and absence of confusion" and he termed the system of road signs "surely one of the most up-to-date in the world. To see British roadworks not only maintained, but improved after British road engineers have departed points another contrast between Israel and the rest of the Middle East."

Today he says, "Not many are the nations which work as stubbornly as Israel. The fact that it is surrounded by enemies strengthens the population's determination to preserve Zionist ideals firmly and to resist the temptations of an easy life which prevail in other parts of the Near East."

Negev Progress

Underlying the developments accomplished in places like Ascalon, Beersheba and Elath, he writes "It is obvious that the transformation currently undergone by Israel is being achieved at a very high price. People are sacrificing their present standard of living for better prospects in the future."

Describing a visit to the Old and New cities of Jerusalem, in yesterday's article, he declared "If once the present political tension were to relax, Israel and Jordan could be good neighbours, even in Jerusalem. As it is, there is a sense of strain on both sides. Jewish Jerusalem is a frontier post with all that this implies in the present position and in anxious foreboding.

"Courage, tenacity and even cheerfulness there are in plenty, well mixed with frank pride in achievements; but everywhere one encounters the mentality of a beleaguered city. A visitor cannot miss the need for peace on which all that Israel hopes for and all for which she is toiling must depend."

Dr. N. Rosen to Teach Physics at Technion

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Technion at Haifa announced the arrival of Dr. Nathan Rosen, who has come from the U.S. to assume the post of Professor of Physics. The American-born scientist was formerly professor of physics at the University of North Carolina, and during the war served in the Naval Research Laboratory of the U.S. Government.

He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Thereafter he held a National Research Fellowship at the University of Michigan and at Princeton University. During two years at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Princeton he assisted and collaborated with Dr. Albert Einstein.

From 1936-38 he served as professor of theoretical physics at the University of Kiev, and later worked on spectroscopy research at the M.I.T.

DENTAL SCHOOL FUND

TORONTO, Tuesday (INA). — The "Alpha-Omega" fraternity of Jewish Dentists here decided to grant $500,000 to erect a Dental School for the Hebrew University.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM, 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 41.9, 33.3 & 522 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7, 7.59 a.m., 12.00 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R)). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Requests (R). 11.45 Housewives' Corner. 12.02 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: "La Peri" (Dukas); "Symphonie Concerto No. 2" (Chasins); "Impressions d'Italie" (Charpentier). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music. 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety. 4.30 Tea Time Music. 5.00 Songs (R). 5.28 Light Music. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk. 7.20 Carnival Request Programme. 7.50 What's New in Science. 8.02 Music (R). 8.24 Bible Readings. 8.45 Talk. 9.00 Twenty Questions. 9.50 Songs. 10.10 Classical Requests: Violin Concerto (Mendelssohn); Symphony No. 4 (Mendelssohn). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m., French: 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. "Music of Our Time" (R). 4.45 Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 "Second Temple" Period Literature. 5.50 Science Studio. 6.50 Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 On Behalf of Israel. 11.45 Singers in Israel.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (41.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Piano Recital. 7.00 Requests (R). 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Intermezzo. 8.00 Musical Quiz. 8.30 News. 8.45 Tomorrow's "Bamahane." 9.10 Folk Dances. 9.00 "Twenty Questions." 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programmes: 6-6.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19 & 25 M.): Science & Medicine.

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REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

New Coalition Brings Economy Closer to Chaos—'Al Hamishmar'

Where does the Government go from here," asks "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) in a leading article criticizing the coalition's economic policy. The paper says that "we always realized that the ingathering of exiles and their absorption would be involved with sacrifices," but there should be equality in the efforts and the sacrifices, while the present Government has given privileges to the well-to-do. The economic "apparatus" has been artificially inflated, and now, many employees will have to be sacked because of lack of money. Instead of introducing a socialist and halutzic regime, the new coalition has brought our economy even closer to capitalist anarchy. "Al Hamishmar" criticizes the conclusions reached by American specialists in a recently published report according to which no big immigration to Israel will be possible in the near future.

Polemicizing against "Hador" (Maphi) "Haboker" (General Zionist) says that there are of course differences of opinion between the G. Z. and Mapai but an all-out effort should be made to overcome and bridge them in view of the urgent tasks facing us. The paper believes that the establishing of a broad coalition is a landmark and one should put an end to unnecessary and unhelpful disputes.

Common Responsibility

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) too stresses the necessity of common responsibility, and says that mutual recriminations between Mapai and the G. Z. with regard to decontrol of the sale of poultry and similar issues should cease. Nor should each side try to leave unpopular steps and decisions to the other.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) criticizes the trend towards the politization of the municipal institutions and says that according to the draft proposal now adopted, citizens will no longer be able to decide on municipal issues according to their merits but this too will become subject to the vicissitudes of party politics.

"Hatzofe," "Ha'aretz" and "Davar" (Histadrut) all comment on the Rangoon conference of Asian Socialist parties. "Hatzofe" says that most of these parties have as yet little influence, while "Ha'aretz" emphasizes the important differences between European and Asian Socialist parties mainly in view of the colonial past of the Asian countries and their distrust towards the West.

"Davar" on the other hand says that as a result of the present meeting understanding is expected to be reached between the various parties, the democratic-socialist bloc will be strengthened and the danger of war lessen. The representatives of these parties will have the occasion to hear about the Jewish national movement and its aspirations and achievements, not a falsified secondhand account as provided by Arab rulers in the past.

"Kol Ha'am (Communist) warmly defends the Human Rights League which has done so important services to Maki and which came under fire recently. The paper says that there is no need to establish a new league, not controlled by the Communists, because the present one is useful enough as far as Maki is concerned.

"Omer" (Histadrut) comments on the news about an impending witchhunt in Eastern Berlin, directed mainly against Jews and "Zionists". The paper says that under the banner of "revolution" the Cominform looks towards a rapprochement with the eminently progressive regimes of Shishakli and Nagib. This has clearly emerged as a result of the touching concern revealed by the Communist newspaper "Neues Deutschland," that the payment of reparations to Israel would weaken the Arab Liberation movements. "Herut" deals in its editorial with the 29th anniversary of the Betar: surveying the activites of Betar during that period, the paper says that those who began the struggle for liberation will also have to conclude it."

At the Cinema

UNDER My Skin (Orion Jerusalem) is based on Hemingway's short story 'My old Man,' about an American jockey's (the late John Garfield) tragic end at the hands of a racing gang as seen by his small motherless son. John Garfield portrays the ageing rogue in a moving performance and the small boy (Noel Drayton) is amazingly gifted. Micheline Prelle as the faithful friend of both father and son is inimitable. She is accompanied in her songs in a Paris night club by a first class coloured band, and I still hear the haunting refrain 'et je chante, et je chante....' going round my head. *FRANGO.*

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Those with only temporary permission to stay in the country will have to report any change every three months. Foreigners failing to carry out these new instructions face immediate deportation plus a fine of $200 or one month's imprisonment, or both.

NEW U.S. BUDGET TO BE $74,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — President Truman's budget for 1953-4, which will be presented to Congress on Friday, will call for $74,000m. in new appropriations, informed sources said today. The sum of $41,000m. will be for the Defence Department.

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Owing to some misprints in the British soccer story in our Monday issue, the League positions in the English and Scottish table may not have been clear. Here are to the first five places, and points, in the tables:

ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIV. I: Sunderland, 33; West Bromwich, 31; Wolves, 28; Burnley, 30; Arsenal, 28. DIV. II: Sheffield United, 38; Huddersfield, 35; Leicester C., 31; Luton T., 30; Birmingham, 29. DIV. III (S): Bristol R. 42; Northampton, 33; Norwich C., 33; Bristol C., 33; Millwall, 32. DIV. III (N): Oldham Ath., 38; Grimsby T., 41; York C., 32; Wrexham, 32; Port V., 31.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIV. A: E. Fife, 26; Hibs., 25; Rangers, 22; Celtic, 21; St. Mirren, 21. DIV. B: Stirling A., 25; Hamilton Ac., 23; Arbroath, 23; Morton, 21; Ayr. U., 21.

A.K.

I.F.A. Rift Settled

A rift between Hapoel and Maccabi members of the Israel Football Association, following some dissensions at a meeting dealing with the final League positions, has now been settled.

At a meeting last week it was mutually agreed by all members that the differences be passed to the Honours Committee for clarification and a verdict, including that concerning the transfer of players from club to club. The Committee is to give its decision within 14 days. In the meantime the I.F.A. is dealing with the opening of the 1953-4 season.

Hapoel Wrestling

The Hapoel youth wrestling, held last Friday night and Saturday at the Tel Aviv Hapoel Hall (as briefly reported on Sunday), brought the honours to Jerusalem Hapoel, who gained five verdicts. Tel Aviv Hapoel scored three wins. The most outstanding performers were Mochada and Mahmias, of Jerusalem, and Barvasnov, of Tel Aviv.

MACCABI RANGE SHOOTING

Hadera Maccabi staged a rifle range 50-metre distance small calibre shoot over the week-end, in which Amnon Ben Yehuda won first place with 88 points (as briefly reported on Sunday). After Ben Yehuda came Yoram Rozo, 86 pts., and Oded Tepak, 77.

More Week-End Soccer Results

Jaffa Macc. 5, Rehovot Macc. 1 (1-1); Rehovot Macc. yth. 0, Holon Macc. yth. 0. Rehovot Hap. yth. 0, Ramat Gan Hap. yth. 1 (0-1); Even Yehuda yth. 1, Benyamin Macc. yth. 2 (0-0); Hadera Hap. yth. 3, Nathanya Hap. yth. 2 (1-0); Be'er Yaacov Betar yth. 1, Rehovot Betar yth. 2; Haifa Hakoah 0, Kiryat Haim Hap. 0 (not as given Sunday). (Other results given Sunday).

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The Physical Training Department has stated that the Independence Day events will include gymnastic displays by boys and girls from all sports organizations, both in compulsory and free exercises. Clubs are requested to contact their movement headquarters for details and registration. Independence Day is on April 20 this year.

Where to go

★ JERUSALEM ★

9-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Remains Bus 19. Feeding time: 2-2 p.m.

8.30-12.30; 2-6: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Road, Entrance Free.

9-1; 2-5: Exhibitions: Travelling exhibition on Leonardo da Vinci, on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of his birth. Graphic art, by Israeli artists, recent acquisitions. Exhibit of the Moscbi Russian Icon, 15th Century. Recent acquisitions of the National Bezalel Museum, Bezalel Museum.

9-6: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, Also Temporary exhibition—Recent acquisitions: 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-1; 4-6: Exhibition of oils, drawings and illustrations by Avigdor Arikha, Artists House.

10-5: Stabderna Fauna.

11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.

8.30 p.m.: Live Music Programme, Ora Rottenberg, Pianist. Works by Beethoven, Brahms, Ben-Haim, Chopin and Prokofieff. Meir Haznik accompanist in last number. Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

★ TEL AVIV ★

8 p.m.: "Lady Precious Stream." Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

10-6: Memorial exhibition of the artist, Menahem Shemi (Schmidt); 126 paintings and drawings of the Habimah and Ohel Theatres decors. Museum.

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Hakirya	51	10	20	21
Lydda Airport	33	4	22	24
Jerusalem	47	7	15	17
Eilath	34	13	—	25

FORECAST: Warm and dry. Strong southeasterly winds especially in the Haifa area and the valleys.

(A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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A TRACTOR of Kibbutz Yegev, in the South, ran over a mine on the Sa'ad Road on Monday afternoon. The mine, believed to be from World War II, exploded and damaged the tractor. No one was injured.

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A SHORT demonstration in Jerusalem yesterday by about 80 residents of the cooperative village of Kissalon in the Corridor, ended in a settlement of most of the issues by representatives of the settlers and the Jewish Agency. The Agency agreed to open a cooperative store in the village, which was founded last December 9, as soon as the Progressive Party (with which the village is affiliated) promised that the village's full quota of residents would be settled there.

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A U.S. Embassy car hit cyclist Ze'ev Intzevsky, 45, of 69 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, Tel Aviv, when the latter failed to make a right-turn sign at Rehov Gordon, corner Rehov Ben Yehuda on Monday. The cyclist was admitted to Hadassah Hospital and the driver, Victor Hatsitsa, of Rehov Shalom Aleichem, Tel Aviv, was detained and released on bond.

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A DIAMOND ring reportedly worth IL.3,000 was stolen from Avraham Levin's flat at 139 Rehov Yehuda Halevi, Tel Aviv, on Monday, while he was visiting a neighbour for a few minutes. Several suspects have been detained.

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KITCHENS FOR school children have been opened by the Ministry for Social Welfare in Kfar Ono, Petah Tikva, Hiriya, Avihail, Elisheva and Shfar Am.

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SIXTEEN MEN and women have completed the fourth course for social workers run by the Ministry of Social Welfare in Haifa. They will work in ma'barot in the northern part of the country from Beisan to Pardess Hanna.

Ex-Mandatory Officials In Honours List

Four officers of the Mandatory Civil Service in Palestine now in senior positions in various parts of the British Colonial Empire were given high honours, including two knighthoods, in the New Year list last week.

The new knights are Robert Scott, now Administrator of the East Africa High Commission, who gets the K.B.; and D.C. MacGillivray, Deputy High Commissioner in Malaya, who gets the K.C.M.G.

Mr. Scott was Financial Secretary in Palestine from 1944 to 1947 and went from here to the Gold Coast where he served as Colonial Secretary for three years until his appointment to his present post. Mr. MacGillivray was in Palestine from 1939 to 1947 as Administrative Officer, Deputy District Commissioner and Under-Secretary. He was Colonial Secretary in Jamaica from 1947 until transferred to Malaya last year.

Michael Hogan, Q.C., now Attorney General in Malaya, gets the C.M.G. He was Solicitor General in Palestine from 1943. In 1949 he was temporarily attached to the staff of the Minister to Israel, Mr. A.K. Helm. The new C.B.E. is V. Fox-Strangways, Secretary for African Affairs in Nyasaland. In 1947 and '48 he was Under-Secretary in Palestine.

IRAQ EX-PREMIER ARRIVES IN LONDON

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — General Nuri es-Said, former Prime Minister of Iraq, arrived here by air last night from Baghdad on a short private visit.

A spokesman of the Iraqi Embassy here could not give the reason for the General's visit. Nuri said he would be in London a few days before returning to Baghdad.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV — Eggs 3, Het 36, zeuzs 3, 4, 5, 9, 10. Fillets 150 grams, coupon 745.

HAIFA — Eggs 3, Het 36, temporary, 7; for expectant mothers 8, coupons 13, 14. Eggs for invalids: 4 for Het Aleph 1 cards, 3 for Het Bet 1 cards, 8 for Het Gimel 1 cards. Butter for invalids and aged persons: 200 grams. Het Aleph 1 cards: 100 grams. Het Aleph 1 cards: 200 grams Het Bet 1 cards: 200 grams Het Gimel 1 cards: 100 grams for coupon Samch 13. Bananas: 250 grams, Heh 24, temporary, 24, 30, zeuzs 24, 30, for invalids: one kilogram. Het Bet 1 and Het Gimel 1 cards, Tomatoes: 270 grams, coupons 15, 16. Fillets: 150 grams, Heh 12, temporary, 50. Rations for vegetarians: Salad oil: 240 grams, Vav 25. Honey: 220 grams, Vav 35. Potatoes: two kilograms. Mem 29. Eggs: 10, Gimel 19, Gimel 23. Bananas: 500 grams, Mem 39.

Chicken Costs Less Than Last Week

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The price of chicken, which trebled following de-control on Thursday last, has begun to drop. Dressed fowl was selling in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market at IL.4.500 to IL.5 yesterday, instead of IL.6, and a Tnuva spokesman expected a further drop of 500 pruta during the week.

Tnuva, which distributes 90 per cent of the poultry to wholesalers intends to fix a minimum tender price on Thursday or Friday, according to demand felt this week.

Vegetables have remained stable in price for the last fortnight, and retailers were finding it difficult to get rid of large supplies of oranges at 135 pruta a kilogram. With frozen fish very scarce, locally caught sea-fish soared from IL.1.800 a kilogram last week to IL.2.800 yesterday.

In Tel Aviv poultry merchants, against whom abuses were hurled in the past few days for overcharging, yesterday decided on fixed prices and refused to bargain. "Dressed" chicken sold for IL.4.500 a kilogram while live birds sold for IL.3.

Contractor Suspended; Dep't Head Moved

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—One of the municipal employees whose alleged "disloyalty to duty" is being investigated by the State Controller, Mr. A. Vinik, Chief Contractor of the Maintenance Department, has been suspended from his job pending the outcome of the investigation, the Municipality announced today.

Mr. E. Fichman, Director of the Department, has been transferred to another position within the Engineering Section, while Mr. E. Halperin, Deputy Director of the Department, is to remain at his post.

MORE WORK IN HAIFA PORT

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Haifa Labour Council has asked the Port Contracting Company to postpone all dismissals of port workers until April, because of the increased volume of work in the Port, the Port Worker's Union informed its members today. More ships have been arriving here in the past fortnight and it is now believed that the increased activity will continue for some time.

The Union has also announced that all dismissal notices already received by workers have been cancelled, pending the findings of the commission appointed by the Haifa Labour Council to supervise the dismissals.

The new Communications Minister, Mr. Y. Saphir, will visit the Port on Friday. He has invited the members of the Salomon Committee, which investigated port conditions last year, to meet him. The Committee's report, with its suggestions for improvements, was not put into operation. The Communications Minister, the late Mr. D. Z. Pinkas, who appointed the commission, died shortly after the report was published and there has been no minister until now.

STRIKE CALLED OFF

The scheduled strike yesterday of employees in the Ministry of Education and Culture was cancelled by the appointment of a committee of representatives of the workers, Ministries of Education and Finance and the Civil Service Commission.

The workers are protesting against the system of grading in the Ministry. The committee will study the question and report in ten days.

Doctors Threaten Strike

The Government Physicians Association has notified the Minister of Health that a strike will be called unless its salary demands are met, it was learned yesterday in Jerusalem.

The Minister, Mr. Yosef Serlin, has scheduled a meeting on Friday with the Association's representatives to hear the demands for more money and for certain income tax exemptions.

A NEW cooperative village was established near Nahal Shurek (Wadi Sarar) by members of the Poale Agudat Yisrael movement yesterday. The new village, to be called "Bet Hilkiyahu," is the fifth Pagi village in this area. The villagers, are mostly newcomers from Hungary and Rumania who arrived in Israel during the past two years.

Egypt Buys Product 'Made in Israel'

"Are we a market for Israel products?" Cairo's "Al Misri" newspaper asked on Sunday. "Does the public know, or is it merely indifferent to the fact that all leading Egyptian pharmacies sell an Israel-made remedy against smoothisis? That this medicine, Amoebin, clearly says on each package, 'Made in Israel by the Mifal Remedy Factory Ltd. Haifa'?

"How is it possible to demand a boycott of Germany because of the reparations agreement when we have not eradicated the fifth column in our midst?," the paper concluded.

Army Tells Woman She Need Not Serve

POST Legal Correspondent

The Army's Legal Service notified Mrs. R. Levharie Blazer yesterday that she was not required for military service, and in consequence, a delicate issue will not be discussed before the High Court.

An order was issued against the military authorities in July, calling on them to show why they should not rescind her mobilization order. The Army's reply was to have been given yesterday.

Mrs. Blazer is a student of bacteriology at the Hebrew University. Due to enter the Army for two years' service, she was permitted to complete her studies on condition that she join the Regular Army. She was single at the time, but agreed to serve even if she married in the interval.

In her application for the court order last July, Mrs. Blazer pleaded that her agreement to serve in the regular army was invalid, as there is no "Regular Army" under the Defence Service Law. The Law provides only for a "reserve force" and "compulsory service".

It was pleaded further, that the agreement to serve in spite of marriage was similarly invalid, as Mrs. Blazer could not contract herself out of a right granted her by a "fundamental law."

As Mrs. Blazer has now been released from service, the case was closed without a court ruling on the issue raised in the application.

Mr. B. Nochimovsky represented the applicant.

Taxi Drivers Split With Association

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—A splinter group of the Taxi Drivers Association, to come under the supervision of the General Zionist Party, met at Cafe Palatin last night to protest against the "unfair treatment" of the association. The meeting was attended by unaffiliated taxi drivers in the city who claim to represent 13 per cent of all the drivers.

They demanded new taxi ranks and use of old ranks, as most of them are new in the business and have no definite stations. A spokesman for the majority Association told *The POST* today that no pressure would induce the veteran taxi drivers to allot stations out of turn.

Questioned whether it was true that old taxi ranks demanded over IL.1,000 in key money from new members he said that he did not know about underhand agreements, but that the official price was about IL.300.

Talks Held on Hiring 40 Nazareth Employees

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — Representatives of the Israel Labour League Executive met the mayor, Mr. Yussef el Fahoum, here today to negotiate the reinstatement of 30 Municipal employees. They were dismissed on October 14 after they called a strike the previous day.

The representatives asked that the Municipality decide on the matter within three days, and the Mayor promised to put the matter to the Town Council at its next session on Saturday. Labour League spokesman said later that the Mayor's new approach promised a satisfactory settlement of the matter.

U.S. Investor Plans Holding Corporation

By ROBERT GARY

Plans for the establishment of a multimillion dollar American investment holding corporation are being presented to Government leaders by Mr. I. Erwin Goldwasser, financier philanthropist and an old friend of Israel.

Arriving yesterday morning by air, Mr. Goldwasser soon conferred in Jerusalem with the Minister of Finance, Mr. Eshkol, and the Director-General of the Ministry, Mr. Ehud Avriel, and later, with the Chairman of the Board of the Bank Leumi, Mr. E.S. Hoofien. Additional meetings with these and other financial leaders are scheduled to be held during Mr. Goldwasser's ten-day visit.

The company, which has been named "Israel Investors Incorporated" and which has already made application with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission will have initial share capital totalling $10m.

"But this is only the beginning," Mr. Goldwasser noted in an interview. "Our purpose is to attract a greater number of investors to Israel, those who haven't the money to set up a business here but who have some available cash and wish to invest."

3 Stowaways Back From Norway

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday (JTIM). — Three young men who stowed away aboard a Norwegian ship in Haifa Port last October, but were found 15 hours after the vessel had put to sea, were returned to Israel in an Air France plane today. They were accompanied by two Norwegian policemen, in plain clothes, who will stay in Israel for a few days as guests of the Israel Police Force. The stowaways were detained.

The men, Arye Yosopovitz, 21, Avraham Cohen, 22 and Ephraim Peerder 22, hid aboard the vessel in the port. When brought before the Captain, they said that they were non-Jewish refugees from Rumania who had escaped to Beirut, from where they had hitch-hiked to Haifa. Upon arrival in Norway, they were handed over to the local police, whom they told the same story, and which was widely published in the Scandinavian press. The police, meanwhile, sent their fingerprints to the police forces of a number of countries. Israel's reply stated that the prints were known here and that the men had earlier tried to stow away on another ship but had been returned to Haifa. One of the men was wanted by the police here for robbery.

The families of the three young men live in a *Ma'bara* near Haifa. The men themselves had served in the Israel Army, and one had been in the Palmah. Upon their return here today, they were dressed in new clothes which they had bought in Norway with money earned while on parole awaiting return to Israel, and carried full suitcases and bottles of champagne from the aircraft. The were proud of their escapade and described their trip through Europe back to Israel in great detail and with much satisfaction.

Baruch Noy Quits Acre Council

ACRE, Tuesday. — Acre's former mayor, Mr. Baruch Noy, resigned from the Municipal Council today, after refusing to do so for several weeks. His resignation cleared the way to the election of a new mayor.

A new Mapai member will join the Council in Mr. Noy's place and as soon as the Minister of the Interior approves the change, the Council will proceed to the election of a new mayor, probably within two days.

Woman Hurt, Mistook Grenade for Wood

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — Hanna Mansur, 45, of Tirat Yehuda, was seriously injured when a grenade exploded in her home today after she had mistaken it for a piece of wood. She found the grenade in the yard of her house and used it to light a stove. She was taken to hospital in a critical condition.

Moshe Yehiye, 7, of Mel Niftoah near Jerusalem, was injured about the hands yesterday when an object he picked up in the field exploded. He was taken by Magen David Adom to Hadassah Hospital where several fingers were amputated. *(JTIM)*

PREMATURE BABIES WARD DEDICATED

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A ward for premature babies, dedicated to Mrs. Anna Franks of Johannesburg, Chairman of the South Africa Women's Zionist Council, was opened today in the new building of the WIZO Mothercraft Training Centre near Kiryat Meir. The centre will house 250 undernourished and underprivileged infants, at the same time caring for 50 student nurses and a score of mothers.

An ambulance was presented to the ward for the transport of babies mainly from the *ma'barot*.

ELATH COUNCIL TO ELECT CHAIRMAN

Elath's first Local Council will hold its formal opening session tomorrow to elect a chairman from among the nine appointed members, it was reported by the Ministry of Interior in Jerusalem yesterday.

Among those who will participate in the ceremony will be Minister of Interior Y. Rokach, members of the Knesset Interior Committee and representatives of organizations operating in the Negev.

1,218 TONS of potatoes, 1,005 tons of sugar, 425 tons of salted fish and 400 tons of frozen fish, are due in Haifa Port in five ships today and tomorrow. 400 tons of railway sleepers are due in Haifa Port in the s.s. Varg tomorrow.

Goldmann Denounces E. Germany 'Nazism'

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — In a statement commenting on the forthcoming trial of German Communist leaders charged with "Zionist offences," Dr. Nahum Goldmann said "Attacks on Zionism and Jewish capitalists" come with extremely poor grace from the rulers of East Germany for no one accepts the Communist contention that conversion to communism has absolved the East Germans from guilt for Nazi crimes which is a common responsibility of all Germany.

Dr. Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency in New York and President of the Jewish Material Claims Conference, pointed out that East Germany had done nothing to help indemnify Jewish victims of nazism and refused to pay reparations. It was villainous to attack Paul Merker (Communist leader arrested last month) for allegedly advocating restoration of Jewish property.

Sunday's resolution of the Social Unity (Communist) Party "follows on the heels of an all-out campaign in the East German press against West Germany's agreement with Israel... The Party now attacks Zionists and Jewish capitalists in the best manner of the Nazi party. Its wordage seems to have been lifted from the Nazi lexicon and the Party seems determined to become the instrument of neo-nazism."

Torah, Saved From Nazis, Sent Here

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — A 200-year-old *Torah*, extricated from Nazi hands in Rippin, Poland, was among four to be sent to the Religious Affairs Department of the Histadrut, this week for use in Israel.

Accompanying the Scrolls will be 13 volumes of the Talmud.

The Rippin *Torah*, once used in the only synagogue of the Polish town, was purchased in the U.S. after its authenticity had been established by former townsfolk. Of the 2,400 Jewish families who once lived in Rippin, only 200 individuals survived the Nazi holocaust and these no longer live in the Polish town.

The Nazis overran the town and destroyed the synagogue. They also took the *Torah* with the intention of destroying it. However, non-Jewish Poles stole it from the Nazis and later sold it to a Mr. Baker, who took it to America.

Canadian Expert On Civil Service Coming

OTTAWA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Canada has lent Israel a top Civil Service officer to help organize the Israel Civil Service.

The External Affairs Department announced last night that Dr. O. E. Ault, Director of Personnel Selection for the Civil Service Commission, left for Israel on December 20. His services were requested by the U.N. Technical Assistance Administration.

RIDGWAY SEES JUIN

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — General Matthew Ridgway, Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, today began a series of routine conferences by receiving Marshal Alphonse Juin, Central Europe Land Forces Commander.

IRAQ. — The Iraqi Army held a parade in Baghdad yesterday on the occasion of its 33rd anniversary.

Britain Blamed For Arab Defeat

The Arabs have failed to convince the British people of the justice of their cause, whereas the Jews have succeeded, Emile Bustani, a Lebanese M.P., told a delegation of six Members of Parliament in Amman on Monday night, according to "Falastin".

It was Mr. Bustani who had invited the three Conservative and three Labour members to tour the Arab states.

The President of the Jordan Parliament, Hikmat el Masri, a Palestinian, told the guests at a reception that the people of Jordan held the Western powers, and Britain in particular, responsible for the "Palestine catastrophe."

M.A.C. Meets On Border Incidents

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission met yesterday to consider border incidents, an Army spokesman stated in Tel Aviv. The MAC approved two condemnatory resolutions against Israel and three against Jordan, the spokesman said.

General B. L. de Ridder presided. Israel was represented by Sgan-Aluf B. Nutov and Jordan by Major M. Ishak.

Four Armed Israelis Taken, Jordan Claims

"A-Diffa", the Old City daily, reported yesterday that four armed Israelis were captured in Jordan in the Latrun-Ramallah area. The men, who claimed they had lost they way, were taken to Arab Legion headquarters for interrogation, it is said.

SYRIAN MINISTER TO W. GERMANY

BONN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Dr. Ibrahim Istuani, first Syrian Minister to West Germany, today presented his letters of accreditation to President Theodor Heuss, the President's Office announced here.

Eastern Christmas Celebrated

By Mohammed Khalil Saleh
POST Correspondent

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — The 1,000 members of the Greek Orthodox Community here, the town's largest single religious group, celebrated Christmas with a Mass lasting from four to seven this morning in their own Church of the Annunciation.

The Nazareth Coptic Community of 150, the town's smallest religious community, whose church was completed only in 1951 and is the newest in Nazareth, also celebrated the holiday.

About 1,000 members of the Orthodox Church crossed the lines yesterday at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem to celebrate Christmas in the Old City and Bethlehem.

The Minister of the Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, watched the pilgrims cross the lines.

Although the list of pilgrims had been previously accepted by Jordan, many persons were refused admission at the last moment.

A woman was refused, but after two hours of tears, granted permission to visit her children in the Old City. About 20 persons were refused admission because of their Russian origin. Among them were nuns, and a man who had fled China with the Nationalist defeat. He was accused of being a Communist.

"Falastin," the Old City daily, reports that the procession of the Coptic Patriarch, Anba Jacobus, who survived the s.s. Champollion disaster, left the Old City for Bethlehem at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The procession inside the Church of the Nativity began at 12.30.

Radio Ramallah broadcast services from various Eastern Community churches.

To facilitate the formal side of the crossing, Israel greatly augmented its staff yesterday which was housed in the building formerly used for Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission meetings.

The coloured festoons on the YMCA tower were again illuminated last night for the Greek Christmas.

The Very Rev. Archimandrite Polycarp, Head of the Russian Orthodox Mission in Israel yesterday conducted a solemn service in the Russian Orthodox Church, Jerusalem.

Morning and afternoon ceremonies will also take place today in The Russian Compound.

Director General Denies Ministry Inefficient

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Denying charges made recently by the Minister of Interior, Mr. Y. Rokach, that the Ministry had been inefficiently administered, the outgoing Director General, Mr. E. Meron, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that the charges had been made only after several hundred dunams of land had been withdrawn from Tel Aviv's jurisdiction.

"What happened to all the nice things that Mr. Rokach steadily wrote and spoke about us before the incident arose?" Mr. Meron asked. He recalled that a special committee studied the land distribution question last summer and decided to attach 350 dunams of Tel Aviv to Ramat Gan and Givatayim. Mr. Rokach boycotted the final committee sessions, it was stated, when it became apparent that the land could be used more effectively by the two smaller communities. Tel Aviv had been granted 3,500 dunams and has since been asked to relinquish about 400.

Mr. Meron also disclosed that he is continuing in his post even though the Government on Sunday announced the appointment of a new Director General, Mr. A. Moyal. "I only learned about the appointment from the newspapers," Mr. Meron stated. "I have not received any kind of notification, and have had numerous conferences with the new Minister, who never said anything about the question."

2 Large Dutch Liners Collide in Red Sea

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday (AP).— Two of the biggest Netherlands passenger ships collided in the Red Sea early today and were seriously damaged, the owners announced, adding that there were no casualties.

The two motor vessels were the 22,600-ton Willem Ruys of the Royal Rotterdam Lloyd Co and the 20,000-ton Oranje of the Nederlandse Scheepvaart Compagnie. They were able to continue their journey at slow speed, the joint communique said.

The accident occurred in the Red Sea near Port Sudan. Details were not available.

Cables in Brief

PLANE CRASH. — A British European Airways Viking plane from London to Belfast crashed and burst into flames in Northern Ireland on Monday night. Several people were believed killed. A Ministry of Civil Aviation spokesman said the plane had a crew of four and carried 30 passengers.

PREMIER. — Mitchel Hepburn, who at the age of 28 became Ontario's youngest premier and was its most turbulent politician, died in his sleep on Monday in the room in which he was born, in a farmhouse near St. Thomas, Ontario. He was 56.

GANDHI. — Ralph Bunche, Lord Boyd Orr and several other social and political leaders have arrived in Karachi for a UNESCO-sponsored conference on the application of Gandhi's teachings to the solution of local and international conflicts.

GAMES. — The biggest Pacific manoeuvres since the war began off San Diego on Monday. Twenty-four destroyers and cruisers with a crew of 6,000 are taking part.

Pakistan Survives First Attack on Constitution

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — The Liberal "Manchester Guardian," commenting editorially upon the recent trial of Pakistan army officers, said that "Pakistan has survived the first serious attempt by the army to subvert the constitution."

"Military dictatorship is the fashionable form of government in the Moslem Middle East," the newspaper said.

"Pakistan has raised its prestige by not following this fashion. The trial of the army officers has been one of the gravest events in the short history of the country. Badly handled, it might have caused vendettas which could have been the doom of the country."

"Justice may have been done," the editorial commented, "but it has not yet been made clear what were the crimes which provoked the sentences."

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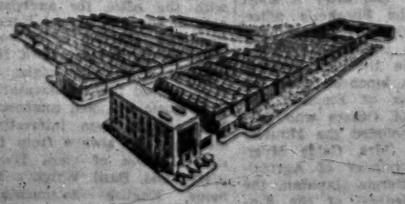

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TO REHAVIA FEINSTEIN (ADIVI) FAMILY AND YOSEF GOLDBERG
Our sincere condolences on the death of your daughter and wife
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The Staff of the Public Works Department, ASCALON.

With deep sorrow I announce the sudden death of my beloved husband
CHARLES A. COWEN
of New York.
The funeral will leave on Thursday at 12.30 p.m. from the Hadassah Hospital, Rehov Maze, Tel Aviv, to the Cemetery in Kfar Menahem, where the burial ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. Special bus will leave from the Hospital.
His wife IDA.

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YESTERDAY, there was published on this page an account from our New York correspondent giving the essence of the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, husband and wife, sentenced to die during next week for having betrayed atomic secrets to a foreign power. All legal expedients to delay or mitigate the process of law have now failed and unless the President of the United States chooses to exercise his prerogative of mercy the law will take its course.

THE QUALITY OF MERCY

A wave of protests is sweeping the civilized world at the severity of the sentences. If the death penalty is carried out it will be the first time that a modern civilized state has, by means of a civil court, inflicted the death penalty in peace time for the crime of treason. There is open dismay and dread in the prospect that a State, especially one not at war, should wish to exact the extreme penalty when this is only possible by an extremely rigid interpretation of the very letter of the law.

Since the verdict and the sentence much has happened to jumble and muddle a plain issue. Anti-Semitism has been raised as a factor in the case, the fairness of the trial has been impugned, and naturally the foremost place in the battle to save the lives of the condemned couple has been taken by their fellow-communists in the United States and abroad. The result of all this has been to add to the perplexity and anxiety the case has evoked, and many have held back from voicing their protest lest the communists and their organizations unscrupulously abuse a purely human sentiment for their own party purpose and advantage. Certain sections of the Jewish community who might have raised their voices in the matter have refrained for fear of lending support to the Communist whispering campaign that it was as Jews they were tried and as such condemned. But there is here quite a simple humanitarian issue. A sentence has been passed which in the opinion of very many people is not justified by the circumstances, as the Rosenbergs' intelligence was passed to an ally and not to an enemy. It is a sentence which is irrevocable. It will rob two human beings of life. The crime of which the Rosenbergs have been found guilty does not appear more wicked or sordid than that of Fuchs or Nunn May who were dealt with by British courts. Yet there was no question of a death sentence on these people. Nunn May, in fact, has already been set free with part of his original sentence left unserved.

We are living at a time of great moral crisis for mankind. There is far too much cruelty and violence loose in the world. If the Western democracies have an answer to them it must surely be one which says that there is still room for moderation in human affairs. Democracy's cause is not so desperate that it must act with irretrievable ruthlessness and exact extreme penalties which can never afterwards be mitigated or revoked. It is for this reason that humane opinion today looks to the President of the United States to commute the capital sentence on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, marked out to bear a burden of punishment far beyond the heinousness of their crime. From Israel, the ancient plea goes forth *"beroges rachem tiskor* — in indignation remember to be merciful."

Gaitskell Has Busy Day in Jerusalem

Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, M.P. and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, delivered the second in a series of three lectures on "Economic Planning" last night at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, after spending a busy day conferring with Government officials and visiting the Knesset.

The Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, greeted the visitor and after a short talk in the Speaker's office, Mr. Gaitskell observed the Knesset in action.

Earlier in the day, he was guest at a luncheon given by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol. Others who participated included the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Peretz Naphtali, the Director General of the Finance Ministry, Mr. Ehud Avriel, and the Director General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Walter Eytan.

Mr. Gaitskell will deliver the last of his lectures at 8.30 this evening at the Ratisbonne Building (Hall 72).

Asian Socialists As 'Third Force'

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE major issue before the Asian Socialist Conference, now under way in Rangoon, is whether there be a single Socialist International, presenting a solid world front in the face of cold war tensions, or two organizations divided to all intents and purposes along racial lines. It is mainly to exert all possible effort to avoid the danger of a split that a fraternal delegation from the Socialist International, comprising Britain's former Labour Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee, M. Andre Bidet of France and Mr. K. Bjoerk of Sweden, are attending the conference in the Burmese capital.

The Socialist International's task is to bring their Asian colleagues into the organization and thus lay the groundwork for global coordination of Socialist policy. So far, the International is largely European, for only the Indian, Japanese, Malayan and Israel Socialists of the Asian group are affiliated to the 36-nation group. But in addition to these countries, representatives now sitting in session in Burma include Socialists from Indonesia, Burma, Pakistan, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. Observers have been invited from the Tunisian Neo-Destour Party, the Moroccan Istiklal Party, the Kenya African Union, the Gold Coast Convention People's Party and the Nepali Congress. The Asian conference may be said to represent socialist and labour thought of all multi-millioned Asia.

Europeans Uneasy

There is uneasiness in the "European" Socialist camp over the outcome of the present conference, for although it is likely that the Asian Socialists will support close liaison with the International, it is uncertain what form this will take. At the last meeting of the Asian group held this spring, also in Rangoon, they adopted a statement pledging support for the efforts of the "oppressed masses of Asia to escape from national and social bondage" while strictly adhering to a policy of non-involvement in either of the two power blocs. U. Kyaw Nein of Burma, one of the three Asian Socialists who drafted the statement, defined Asia's attitude to the East-West rift in terms which in effect, said, "A plague on both your houses."

His plan of a "third camp," headed by Asian Socialist Parties, which might divert the world from its course toward a third world war is subscribed to by every Socialist Party in Asia. In addition, this neutralist attitude forms the foreign policy basis of India, Burma and Indonesia.

The Asian conviction that the Socialist International is committed to the Western Hemisphere of the split world, however, is only one formidable obstacle which the fraternal delegation headed by Mr. Attlee must hurdle. The other is the strong suspicion, admitted by Mr. Morgan Philips, General Secretary of the Labour Party, that the Western Socialists "are tainted with colonialism" and greater champions of true freedom for Asia's millions when in opposition than when in the government saddle.

The leaders of the Asian group—India, Burma and Indonesia—won their independence within the last decade and in these countries the memory of the long and cruel struggle for freedom from foreign rule still lies discomfortingly near the surface jubilance of freshly-acquired liberty. It is fortunate that the Western fraternal delegation should be headed by Mr. Attlee, who will be sincerely welcomed as Prime Minister of the government which granted Burmese independence, and who will be able to speak earnestly and with the full weight of his prestige of the democratic West's fresh start in its relations with Asia. But while there may be full agreement on, and unstinted Asiatic appreciation for the past, it is too much to expect that yesterday's clean slate can be presented unmarred by today's continuing contradictions, and that the representatives of the Neo-Destour, Istiklal, the Kenya African Union and the Pan-Malayan Labour Party will not recall that there are lands where East and West much traverse an arduous road of compromise before the twain shall meet.

Link Against West

The Asian Socialists are by no means a tightly knit bloc. It is revealing that the conference is attended by both the Japanese right- and left-wing Socialists who are divided over rearmament plans, which are strongly opposed by the left wing, and on the question of joining the International. In fact, it may be asserted that the strongest link in Asia's recently-welded front was forged not by any geographical or historical affinity but by continued Western domination over Asiatic colonies and dependencies. India and Pakistan were on the brink of armed conflict over the explosive Kashmir dispute, in which tension still runs high, but the jagged ends of their mutual relations are absorbed by the common denominator of their insistence on independence and equality for Asian states in the international arena.

Addressing the World Council of Churches in Lucknow last Saturday, Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru referred to what he described as an "alarming situation on the African continent," and said, "In the world today it is quite impossible for any country to 'carry on' on the basis of racial superiority." Mr. Nehru is the outstanding political personality and the most authoritative spokesman of the Asiatic world today, and it may be assumed that his words reflect the general Asian attitude. When such an Asian leader today voices demands for the complete independence of his Asiatic brethren it is not because he does not take account of the international situation with its inexhaustible quest for security and strategic bridgeheads, and the insistence that these be under friendly and reliable governments. He makes the demands in full awareness of all these factors and in spite of them. And his demands are all the more insistent for his resentment at the inference that Asians cannot by themselves freely choose their allegiance to one system or another.

Communists Repudiated

Asia today is neither ready nor willing to embrace the Communist doctrine, despite the example of China. India and Burma, both bordering the Chinese People's Republic, are successfully controlling comparatively small Communist movements in their own countries while maintaining friendly relations with their Communist neighbour. Indonesia has by herself quashed a Communist insurrection effectively years ago, and the movement is of no consequence in Pakistan. But none of them is prepared to participate in a war on Communism beyond her own borders, for the danger of Communist enslavement is not, for them, as real today as domination by certain Western powers over parts of Asia.

This, then, is the stuff that the Asiatic blueprint for a "third bloc" is made of. Upon the refusal of this *weltanschauung* and the edification of a more constructive conception depends the success of the Western fraternal delegation at the Asian Socialist Conference.

Readers' Letters

BUS DRIVERS' CONDITIONS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I refer to your editorial of December 25, "Control of the Co-ops." No doubt the unpleasant relationship between transport cooperatives and the public calls for the establishment of a "Mixed Armistice Commission." It is also true that the cooperatives have not yet mastered the art of "How to Win Friends and Influence People" and your leader is the best proof of it.

But wouldn't it be only fair to let your readers know that at least 75 per cent of the older drivers, who have reached the age of 50, are unable to continue their work? They suffer from serious heart ailments, stomach ulcers, spine troubles and other, various nervous disorders, caused by the permanent and unbearable tension of their hard job. Shorter working hours are granted to bus drivers abroad for this reason, though their job is "paradise" compared with working conditions of a bus driver in Israel.

As far as transportation costs are concerned: why not show your readers the other side of the coin? Since 1939 admittedly the costs of bus-transport have risen 500-800 per cent. But what about the prices of buses and spare-parts, which have to be imported from abroad? They rose more than 2,000-4,000 per cent.

At the same time the prices of the most necessary foodstuffs like potatoes, eggs, vegetables, citrus fruits — though they are not imported from abroad — and at least as important as transport for the cost-of-living index and the welfare of the people rose 1,000-3,000 per cent and more.

The cooperatives have the same right and duty as other organizations to stand up for the health and life interests of their members.

Yours etc.,
Dr. ERNEST MEISSNER

Haifa, December 28.

NEW GESTURES OF SUPPORT FOR NAGIB

AMERICAN POLICY IN EGYPT

By a Special Correspondent

CAIRO, —

WING-Commander Aly Sabry, a prominent member of the military movement in Egypt, is at present in Washington accompanying a politically less important Army officer whose function is to organize the supply of weapons for the Egyptian police force.

The mission would not be important if Wing-Commander Sabry had not gone. His presence implies, despite denials here, that much more important questions are to be discussed during his visit and a fair assumption is that discussion of supplies in general for the Egyptian army will take place.

The Arabic press here has stated that he has gone to prepare for a visit to the United States of General Nagib the Egyptian premier himself, but the United States Embassy in Cairo does not support this view.

There is, however, a growing tendency on the part of the United States to give General Nagib more practical evidence of support for his new regime, either in the form of military or of economic aid and perhaps both. The United States may yet buy Egyptian cotton ahead of Britain. Although Egypt wants sterling, not dollars, she would not be averse to replenishing the dollar reserves she has been selling in New York to obtain sterling in London.

The United States' attitude is dictated by two factors: first, the desire to wipe out the adverse public opinion created by the agreement on reparations between Israel and Western Germany for which Egyptians hold the United States mainly responsible, and, secondly, a certain amount of American impatience with British caution in dealing with Egypt.

Embassy Ally

The United States Embassy in Cairo has, by and large, behaved as a faithful ally of Britain during the recent year of crisis here. It is arguable that the policy of the two Powers might have been better advanced by a firmer American line in support of Britain, but Mr. Jefferson Caffery, the United States Ambassador in Egypt, believed that the Western democratic effort could be helped most if he acted as "honest broker" between Britain and Egypt. Certainly on some occasions, as when the Wafd Government was intent on extreme measures after British troops demolished the village of Kafr Abdou in the Suez Canal Zone in December 1951, his activities had a calming effect. On the other hand, the Egyptians often mistook Mr. Caffery's policy to mean a fundamental difference of opinion between America and Britain and were encouraged in the belief that ultimately the United States could be made to bring pressure to bear in London in favour of Egyptian demands.

Mr. Caffery did nothing on his part to encourage this view; but the liberal outlook of some members of his Embassy staff tended to make Egyptians, with whom they spoke, mistake personal attitudes for national policy.

Diplomatic Initiative

Recently there has been much less of this "looseness" of talk and consequently less opportunity for the Egyptian press to exploit imagined differences between the two big Powers.

On the other hand, there are indications in Egypt of greater diplomatic initiative on the part of the United States which leads to the belief that the United States Embassy, and no doubt the State Department, is unwilling to let its own position here weaken through too rigid a support of Britain. Observers here expect, for example a greater readiness on the part of the Republican administration to help Egypt with arms although this type of aid has hitherto been considered a British prerogative. The Egyptians are, for some reason, convinced in advance that General Eisenhower will be more sympathetic to their views, particularly regarding the Palestine question and relations with Israel, than was Mr. Truman.

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PROTECTION FOR THE TENANT

Obligations of the Landlord

By RICHARD WEISS

In addition to increasing the legal rent payable to landlords and barring the eviction of tenants after expiry of a contract, the new Tenant Protection Bill also marks an innovation over Mandatory legislation, in imposing on landlords the duty of making repairs and supplying essential services. Staircases must be lit and cesspits emptied regularly; this must be done under all circumstances and at no cost to the tenant. Heating and hot water, however, must be supplied only if agreed upon in the contract. Under special circumstances, the Rent Tribunal may release the landlord from this obligation or may, on the other hand, make it more onerous. The Minister of Justice may issue regulations fixing the tenant's rate of contribution towards these expenses; the tenant has the alternative, however, of leaving the premises. Regulations are also to be issued governing the tenant's rate of contribution in taxes and other duties.

The landlord must carry out repairs which were not brought about by the fault of the tenant and which the Local Authority considers essential to the health or safety of the tenants; tenants must participate in these expenses. Repairs which the Rent Tribunal holds to involve a "fundamental building operation," need not be undertaken.

Sub-Tenants

Identical duties are imposed in a limited number of cases on the tenant in relation to his sub-tenant. The obligation must be carried out if a contract was made to cover the issues, or if the tenant has been a tenant for ten years or more, or if he brought about the damage intentionally. Another innovation over Mandatory legislation is that the tenant may make a profit on the sub-tenant. It must be a reasonable one and can in no case exceed 100 per cent.

Under certain circumstances the Magistrate's Court may evict the tenant. The Bill lists the conditions under which such an order may be issued, but it is of interest that the Court must also be convinced that it would be equitable to do so. The Court is thus given wide discretion to weigh conflicting interests. Some of the conditions under which the Court may order eviction are, a tenant's failure to pay rent (this must be of a permanent nature and does not include fortuitous cases); if a tenant annoys the owner or members of his family living with him, or working on the business premises with him, to the extent that their health is adversely affected or that the benefit derived from the premises is diminished; if the owner needs the premises for himself and has satisfied the Court that the tenant will be given financial compensation or alternative accommodation.

Rent Tribunal

The owner may, however, stipulate in a contract that he can evict the tenant under circumstances other than those listed in the Bill. Such a clause will be valid only if the owner let the apartment for a period during which he is to be abroad on a mission for the government or for a recognised institution, or if he is a foreign resident who built an apartment for himself or for relatives. A number of other cases exist in which such a clause is tenable.

The Bill also establishes a Rent Tribunal with powers far more extensive that those of the previous tribunal. Formerly it could decide upon sums to be paid as rent only. Now it is to sit as an arbitrator between the tenant and the landlord, or between tenants, with jurisdiction over a wide range of conflicts.

The new Rent Tribunal to be composed of three members instead of four will not be entitled, however, to entertain petitions for an injunction, for the eviction of the tenant (unless he is to be compensated for it), or for a suit for money. The tribunal is to be under the direction of a professional person who may not engage in any other work. Appeals to the District Court will be possible on legal points only and from there to the Court of Appeals provided that special permission is granted on issues of public importance or of a novel, complicated nature.

(This is the second of two articles on the Tenant Protection Bill. The first appeared yesterday.).

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AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

MUSICAL DIARY

IT was decidedly a charming idea to mark the end of the exhibition "Oeuvres d'Art Francaises Contemporaines" at the Bezalel Museum by offering a recorded concert of contemporary music under the auspices of the Centre de Culture Francaise on Saturday morning, with the intention of intensifying the impact of the pictures. Modelled upon the examples of London, New York and Amsterdam, the music created a relaxed atmosphere and it was a pleasure to have a look at, say, the de luxe edition of Baudelaire's "Fleurs du Mal," illustrated by Matisse with music by Poulenc and Ibert, Gogol's "The Dead Souls," illuminated by Chagall with music by Milhaud and Satie; last but not least at poetry by the late Yvan Goll with graphics by Picasso, accompanied by music by Florent Schmitt and Ravel.

The Juilliard Quartet succeeded in presenting for the second time a complete cycle of Bela Bartok's string quartets in New York.

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Documentary Music

AT a film show arranged by the Israel Contemporary Music Centre in conjunction with the office for audio-visual aids of the Ministry of Education and Culture which took place at the Tel Aviv Beit Hahalutzot on Saturday night, we were offered five documentaries with music by noted composers. The evening was interesting, although not always from the musical point of view. Harry Watts and Basil Wright's famous English documentary, "Night Mail" of 1935 fame, for instance, describing the journey of the night mail express from London to Glasgow is so dynamic in its pictorial impact that Benjamin Britten's music becomes insignificant. On the other hand, Darius Milhaud's score for the French film, "Paul Gauguin" is too compact, outspoken and self-assured to be considered an ideal score for a documentary film. More in line with the requirements in this field was Virgil Thomson's music for the American Mississippi film, "The River," and, above all, Guy Bernard's pungent score for the French offering, "Toulouse-Lautrec." Villa-Lobos' music for "Uirapuru" produced by a young Israeli, Sami Sebba, describing Indian folklore from Brazil also belongs to those documentaries in which the music has not much to add to the strong and exhausting images on the screen.

In this connection the sound track of a feature film, Jean Renoir's "The River," now running in Tel Aviv, should be mentioned as one of the most ingeniously conceived music scores ever created for a film. It represents a mixture of jungle noises and oriental music with the moving counterpoint of a Western melody (from Weber's "Invitation to the Dance"). How this tune becomes a forlorn message — from the past to all the Englishmen assembled at the bank of the eternal Indian river — certainly belongs to the history of film music in general and of documentary music in particular.

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Haifa Chamber Music

CONCERT-goers usually enjoy the performance more if their seats enable them to see the artists while listening. Many members of Haifa's Chamber Music Subscription Concerts, now seated in the outer Hall, will, after reconstruction of Beth Harofeh get seating accommodation within the main hall, and at the same time a considerable reduction of the fee, owing to exemption from Entertainment Tax, a feature of special importance in these times of rising prices. In last Saturday's Concert the Israel String Quartet, played Nicolas Dalayrak's String Quartet op. 7, consisting of two movements written in classical style, the ingenious Allegro spirituoso and the more conventional Siciliana.

A more striking contrast than that between Prokofieff's String Quartet op. 50 and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 15 in A-minor op. 132 is unthinkable. While Beethoven voices his thoughts, his sufferings and inner feelings in steady forms, Prokofieff seems to describe events and experiences from daily life in his peculiar, intentionally wilful and witty manner. Both works were interpreted in a remarkable way. *G. W.-B.*

SMALL INVESTMENT—LARGE REWARD!

1. Mr. Yosef Shorer, Certified Accountant at "Russell & Co." receives a prize for IL.1,500, which he won in the 3rd draw Series 1952/7 of MIF'AL HA'PAYIS.
2. The IL.1,000 prize was won by 9½ year-old Haim Maharl, the first child born in Beersheba since the establishment of the State, on the same day as the opening of the Hadassah Hospital